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Francesco BORRELLI et al )  
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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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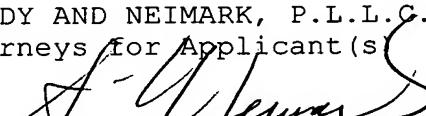
As more than 20 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no office action on the merits has yet been received, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply.**

Respectfully submitted,

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